



INYO COUNTY EMCC MEETING



****5:30- 6:00 ZOLL DEMONSTRATION****

*Melissa Ermenio, Zoll Medical Corporation
New E Series and AutoPulse demonstration*

SIERRA LIFEFLIGHT HANGAR

770 Airport Road

Bishop, Ca.

6:00 p.m.

May 21, 2008

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 31, 2008 MINUTES**
- III. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ICEMA FY 2008/2009 Fees
 - B. Legislation
 - C. Trauma Training
 - D. Scantron Data
 - E. EMT Certification
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Golden State Air Ambulance
 - B. National Registry Test Site
 - C. Mammoth Airport Closure Update
 - D. 12-lead Exemption Requests – Lone Pine & Olancha
 - E. Trauma Reports
- V. OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST FOR TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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INYO COUNTY EMCC MEETING

Lone Pine Fire Department
Lone Pine, California

MINUTES March 31, 2008

Attendees:

Diane Fisher	ICEMA	DFisher@cao.sbcounty.gov
Sandy Evans	SIHD	sevans@qnet.com
Jean Dickinson	Inyo County HHS	inyohhsjd@qnet.com
Rick Maddox	Lone Pine Fire	emt@lonepinetv.com
Mike Patterson	Sierra Life Flight	mike@sierraaviation.com
Andrew Stevens	Northern Inyo Hospital	Andrew.stevens@nih.org
Judd Symons	SES	juddsymons@aol.com
Joe Cappello	Independence Fire	jcappello@cebridge.net
Lloyd Wilson	Big Pine Fire	dlwilson41@msn.com
Bill Lutze	Inyo Sheriff	blutze@qnet.com
Rick Johnson	Inyo County HHS	drickjohn@gmail.com
Steve Davis	Olancho Fire	olanchafire@aol.com
Michael Dillon	Northern Inyo Hospital	dillon@qnet.com
LeRoy Kritz	Lone Pine Fire	lchief2401@cebridge.net

Recording Secretary: Gina Ellis

gellis@qnet.com

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 P.M. by Judd Symons.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2008 MINUTES

Minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. *Motion passed.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Emergency Protocol "Determination of Death on Scene" #14007

Copies of protocol were distributed by ICEMA for review. The effective date is April 1, 2008. Changes were noted in the new version; brief discussion on some of the content. Document will go out for a forty-five day comment period. A memo to providers explaining changes for the time being will suffice for training.

B. MICN Recertification Requirements

Update given on the requirements for ride along time for recertification; change is currently being reviewed and the revised protocol will be distributed for review and comment. .

C. Ambulance Rates – Nurse Staffed Units

Nurse staffed Inter-facility transports -- Judd Symons previously submitted an application which was returned by ICEMA for additional information. The resolution regarding the rates may need to be revisited. New rates went into effect on July 1, 2007. Rates were distributed by Inyo County Health and Human Services. Diane Fisher will work with Judd regarding the nurse staffed unit and they will follow up with Jean Dickinson. Suggestion was made to look into “extraordinary costs” due to increased fuel costs.

D. Trauma System Reports

Documents with summary information for the calendar year 2006-2007 were handed out by Diane Fisher with an overview of content and group discussion. Suggestion made that a column for “Transferring Hospital” be added to the spreadsheet for the Inyo County trauma data. Mike Patterson and the hospital representatives will check this list against their records; the group feels there are more incidents than are indicated on the list. Transports to Reno, NV and Las Vegas, NV are not shown on list. Andrew Stevens will request information from Nevada hospitals for a more accurate picture. HIPPA regulations may create some difficulty in obtaining the information; it was suggested to research a partnership agreement to aid with the confidentiality issue. Dr. Richard Johnson will contact his associates in Reno, NV for more information.

E. Legislation

Brief update on EMSAAC legislation report. ICEMA is monitoring current EMSAAC and EMDAC legislative positions and will keep the group abreast of any changes.

F. Scantron Data

Report on Inyo County BLS runs for 2007 calendar year was handed out. Data is shown for departments who submitted their information, Diane requested that departments who have not yet submitted their information do so. ALS runs with data for Symons Ambulance were handed out. Judd Symons discussed the reports and some of the differences between them. Providers will need to validate the data; the content of handout discussed.

G. Other

ICEMA received a letter from Olancho Fire Dept. requesting an exemption waiver for the 12lead requirements. As of July 1, 2008, the 12-lead requirement will be mandatory. Motion suggested approving the request and providing the same waiver for the Lone Pine Fire Dept. *Motion passed.* It was noted that these two departments requested the waiver due to the large expense the requirements would incur. Both stations would have to stop services because they do not have the money to make the purchase.

C-PAP will be pulled from the trial study to a mandatory scope in a couple of years. Discussion on equipment options, brands, cost, maintenance, efficiency and specs. Diane Fisher will bring information from the MAC if requested. Dr. Andrew Stevens discussed Dr. Vaezazizi's stance on the issue and details on a study that was conducted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Golden State Air Ambulance

Concern was expressed regarding intubation needs of patients performed by nurses rather than paramedics if no paramedics are aboard. Diane to verify that until such time that the paramedics are ICEMA accredited, paramedics will be on the responding aircraft utilized as mutual aid. (Note, since the time of the meeting, it has been verified that the air ambulance will be staffed with a nurse and a paramedic and will continue to function as a mutual aid provider until all ICEMA requirements are met.).

B. National Registry Test Site

Inyo County Health and Human Services sent a letter signed by Linda Arcularius, Chairperson of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors and Paul Postle, EMCC Chairman to the Emergency Medical Services Authority on January 8, 2008; no response has been received. Follow up is needed.

C. Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant Update

Handout distributed. Hospitals cannot spend these funds. Dr. Richard Johnson and Tamara Cohn are working on this. A lump sum of money was put in the grant for training and will have to be tracked later. Training exercises planned are: mountain warfare, large earthquake simulation, a large influx at Mammoth Hospital, flood in Lake Tahoe, four million people evacuating from Southern California and a Pan-flu exercise. Inyo and Mono Counties will be working together on these projects. Mike

Patterson volunteered to assist with dispatching and other areas as needed. Discussion on the goal of the exercises.

D. Mammoth Airport Closure Update

Mike Patterson was given an update today from Mammoth Airport that the closure will begin on June 1, 2008 and will remain closed for four months. Mike discussed details with Mammoth Airport. Is there a possibility that a helicopter could be used?

E. AED Update

Ray McGrale requested this agenda item but did not attend the meeting. Item will be revisited at the next meeting.

F. First Responder Training

ICEMA has approved Ray McGrale's program. It is hoped that it can be used as a stepping-stone for EMT I; discussion followed on the limitation of First Responders. This may be an advantage for Search and Rescue. It may be an area of interest for young people and assist in developing a career in this field.

V. OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT

Lone Pine Fire Department has a small emergency trailer and recently received a larger trailer.. Request made that small unit be given to the Olancha station. Steve Davis, Olancha Fire Department has the materials to fill the unit and would like to have it. The two parties will work on the details of the transfer and will keep Jean Dickinson posted on the progress.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST FOR TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Updates on National Registry Test Site from Jean Dickinson.
- B. Trauma reports.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Wednesday, May 21, 2008; 6:00 pm; Sierra Life Flight hangar, Bishop Airport.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA
INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 6, 2008

FROM: VIRGINIA HASTINGS, Executive Director
Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE RELATED TO 2008-09 PROPOSED INLAND COUNTIES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY FEES**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Conduct hearing regarding proposed ordinance relating to 2008-09 Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency Fees.
2. Read title only of proposed ordinance relating to 2008-09 Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency Fees; waive reading of the entire text and **CONTINUE TO TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008 AT 10:00 a.m.** for adoption.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 25, 2008 (Item No. 76), the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2008-09 County Fee Ordinance for all County Departments. That early adoption date for fees allowed for the adoption of fees to occur prior to the development of the proposed budget, and for the fees to become effective at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 1). This provides a better match between fee amounts and the cost of the services they are intended to cover throughout the fiscal year.

Fees for Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) had in past years been presented with County Departments. However, as a Joint Powers Authority governed by the Board of Supervisors, presentation of their fees, as a separate ordinance was more appropriate.

The effective date of the ICEMA Fee Ordinance, with the exception of the fee for cardiac center applications, will be July 1, 2008. These fees have a positive impact to the ICEMA budget. The revenues associated with the fees are completely used to offset salary and inflationary costs and to cover expenses for new services provided by the ICEMA. The \$5,000 application fee for cardiac centers will be effective thirty (30) days from adoption of this Ordinance to allow ICEMA to begin immediate implementation of its new program for the establishment and designation of Cardiovascular ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Receiving Centers throughout San Bernardino County. The specific criteria for implementation of this new program was presented and approved by the Board on April 22, 2008.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORDINANCE RELATED TO 2008-09 PROPOSED INLAND COUNTIES
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REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-4229) on April 10, 2008. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Trudy Raymundo, Administrative Analyst, 387-3986) on April 09, 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The fee changes, if approved, will generate approximately \$82,679 in revenue and offset appropriations by the same amount. The revenue will be used to offset salary and inflationary costs associated with providing existing and implementation of any new services proposed.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Virginia Hastings, Executive Director, 388-5830

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Proposed 08-09 ICEMA Fee Schedule

AN ORDINANCE OF THE INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, acting as the Governing Board of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Fees

Emergency Medical Services

- (1) (A) (I) Annual EMS Pre-hospital Provider
Permit/Authorization\$1,496.00
- (II) Annual EMS Pre-hospital Provider
Permit/Authorization Late Penalty\$300.00
- (B) Annual EMS Unit Inspection \$300.00/unit
- (2) EMS Certification fees:
 - (A) Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN):
 - (I) Certification\$85.00
 - (II) Recertification\$85.00
 - (III) Challenge\$225.00
 - (B) EMT-P:
 - (I) Accreditation\$75.00
 - (C) EMT-II:
 - (I) Certification\$85.00
 - (II) Recertification\$85.00
 - (III) Challenge\$225.00
 - (D) EMT-I:
 - (I) Certification\$30.00
 - (II) Recertification\$30.00
 - (III) Challenge\$75.00
 - (IV) Reciprocity\$30.00

Proposed 08-09 ICEMA Fee Schedule

- (E) EMS Dispatchers:
 - (I) Certification\$30.00
 - (II) Recertification\$30.00
 - (III) Challenge\$60.00
- (F) First Responders:
 - (I) Certification\$30.00
 - (II) Recertification\$30.00
 - (III) Challenge\$75.00
- (G) Certification/Accreditation card replacement\$20.00
- (H) Certification/Accreditation card name change\$20.00
- (I) Training Program Approval:
 - (I) MICN\$300.00
 - (II) EMT-I\$575.00
 - (III) EMT-P\$1,000.00
 - (IV) Annual Review Curriculum Instruction\$300.00
 - (V) First Responder\$200.00
- (J) Hospitals
 - (I) Base Hospital Application\$2,500.00
 - (II) Base Hospital Reapplication.....\$525.00
 - (III) Trauma Hospital Application Fee.....\$5,000.00
 - (IV) Trauma Hospital Annual Redesignation\$25,000.00
 - (V) Cardiac Center Application Fee.....\$5,000.00
- (K) Equipment Rental\$10.00/item
- (L) Continuing Education Provider Approval\$210.00
- (3) EMS Temporary Special Events:
 - (A) Minor Event Application\$75.00
 - (B) Major Event Application\$315.00

Proposed 08-09 ICEMA Fee Schedule

- (4) Protocol Manual:
 - (A) With binder\$25.00
 - (B) Inserts only\$15.00
- (5) Re-test\$50.00
- (6) Administrative Manual.....\$50.00
- (7) Statistical Research\$50.00/hour

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

Paul Biane, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY
OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

DENA M. SMITH, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss.

I, DENA M. SMITH, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said County and State, held on the 11th day of March, 2008, at which meeting were present Supervisors: Mitzelfelt, Biane, Hansberger, Ovitt, Gonzales, and the Clerk, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: SUPERVISORS:
NOES: SUPERVISORS:
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS:

Proposed 08-09 ICEMA Fee Schedule

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
the official seal of the Board of Supervisors this 11th day of March, 2008.

DENA M. SMITH, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of San Bernardino,
State of California

Deputy



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Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties
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FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE 06/12/1998

Annual EMS Prehospital Provider Permit/Authorization	\$1425.00
Annual EMS unit inspection	200.00/unit
EMS certification fees:	
(A) Mobil Intensive Care Nurse (MICN):	
(I) Certification	\$ 85.00
(II) Recertification/Inactive Status	-0-
(III) Challenge	225.00
(B) EMT-P:	
(I) Initial Accreditation	\$ 75.00
(C) EMT-II:	
(I) Certification	\$ 85.00
(II) Recertification	85.00
(III) Challenge	225.00
(D) EMT-I:	
(I) Certification	\$ 30.00
(II) Recertification	30.00
(III) Challenge	75.00
(IV) Reciprocity	30.00
(E) EMT-ID: (Not applicable effective January 1, 2002)	
(I) Certification	\$ 30.00
(II) Recertification	30.00
(III) Challenge	75.00
(F) EMS-DISPATCHERS:	
(I) Certification	\$ 25.00
(II) Recertification	25.00
(III) Challenge	60.00
(G) FIRST RESPONDERS:	
(I) Certification	\$ 30.00
(II) Recertification	30.00
(III) Challenge	75.00
(H) Certification of card replacement (duplicate card)	20.00
(I) Certification of card name change (duplicate card)	20.00
(J) Training Program Approval:	
(I) MICN	\$ 300.00
(II) EMT-I	575.00
(III) EMT-P	1000.00
(K) Biennial Base Hospital Application	500.00
(L) Equipment rental	10.00/item
(M) Continuing education provider approval	200.00
EMS temporary special events:	
(A) Minor event application	\$ 75.00
(B) Major event application	300.00
Miscellaneous Fees:	
(1) ALS or BLS Binder	\$ 10.00/ea
(2) ALS or BLS Insert (includes tab dividers)	15.00/ea
(3) ALS or BLS Manual	25.00/ea
(4) Bi-monthly Newsletter Subscription	20.00/2 yrs
(5) Admin Manual Subscription	50.00
(6) Retest Fee	50.00

EMSAAC Legislative Bill Chart 2008 - #13

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Bill Number/ Author/Location	Description	EMSAAC Position	Letters to Committee Comments
	Assembly Bills		
AB 38/Nava S – Appr Amended 4/14/08	Consolidates the Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security into one department.	Watch	
AB 64/Berg S – Appr Amended 7/11/07	Enacts the Uniform Volunteer Health Practitioners Act which would provide procedures to register volunteer health practitioners with valid and current licenses in other states. Allows a volunteer to practice, through a host entity, health or veterinary services as appropriate to his or her license for the duration of a state or local emergency. Requires coordination between EMSA and OES.	Watch	
AB 211/Jones S – Floor Inactive File Amended 9/5/07	Authorizes a local health officer to provide public health input to cities and counties as it relates to local land use planning and transportation planning processes.	Watch	Previously AB 437/Jones.
AB 1646/DeSaulnier S – Health and Rev & Tax Amended 1/17/08	If approved by the voters, a Board of Supervisors may levy a sales and use tax to provide funding for disease prevention, surveillance and containment.	Watch	
AB 1869/Adams A – Business & Professions Failed Passage Amended 4/3/08	Eliminates various state commissions, boards and committees including the Commission on Emergency Medical Services.	O-1	
AB 1929/Beall A – Appr Suspense File Amended 4/3/08	Extends supplemental reimbursement provisions, already provided to DSH hospitals, to capital projects of Level I and Level II trauma centers, to the extent federal financial participation is available.	S-1	4/14/08 Letter to Assembly Appropriations
AB 1933/Nava A - Rules Amended 4/8/08	Removes the sunset for the special Santa Barbara County Maddy legislation enacted in 2004. Dramatically decreases the types of vehicle penalty assessments going to their Maddy Fund. Eliminates the special diversion of 17% in the SB Maddy Fund to trauma care. Directs Santa Barbara County to place a tax ordinance on the 11/08 ballot to ensure the collection of sufficient funds to support their trauma center.	O-1 Pending info from S. Barb Co.	

Bill Number/ Author/Location	Description	EMSAAC Position	Letters to Committee Comments
AB 2130/Hayashi S - Judiciary Amended 4/14/08	Exempts health studios without personnel on premises from requirement to have AEDs available. Such exempted studios must have a telephone on the premises and signs posted regarding the risks of exercising alone and instructions on CPR and AED use.	Watch	
AB 2185/Torrico A – Appr Suspense File	Changes definitions in existing law on public safety communications systems including the meaning of “backward compatibility” that all systems purchased are able to function with prior versions of equipment and “standards-based equipment or systems” meaning equipment built to a voluntary consensus-based industry standard or governmentally recognized industry standard.	Watch	
AB 2207/Lieu A – Appr Amended 4/22/08	Requires all licensed general acute care hospitals to assess the condition of their emergency department every 3 hours and calculate and record a NEDOCS score. Requires all general acute care hospitals to develop and implement full capacity protocol for each of the categories of the overcrowding scale and to require these full capacity protocols with OSHPD. Also would require all hospitals to develop and implement a written flu season protocol.	S-2	
AB 2257/Hernandez A – Appr Suspense File Amended 4/21/08	Enacts the Ambulance Payment Reform Act of 2008 providing that emergency basic life support and advanced life support services are covered under Medi-Cal when it is determined by DHCS a patient could reasonably expect that an absence of immediate medical attention would result in significant adverse health effects. Establishes maximum reimbursement rates for emergency and nonemergency transportation services.	S-1	
AB 2262/Torrico A – Appr Suspense File	Allows fire agencies to designate child “safe-surrender sites”. Also extends the amount of time when a baby may be surrendered from 72 hours to 7 days.	Watch	
AB 2400/Price A – Appr Amended 3/24/08	Requires general acute care hospitals or psychiatric hospitals, prior to closing or eliminating services, to provide public notice on all entrances into the facility, notice to the CDPH, notice to the local board of supervisors and notice to the local governmental entity in charge of the provision of health services. Also requires said health facility, 18 months after proposed changes have been made, to report to CDPH and the public on the impact of the changes on mortality, morbidity, readmissions, patient injuries and infection rates.	Watch	
AB 2490/Jeffries A – Appr Suspense File Amended 4/2/08	Creates the CA Public Safety Agency, folding in the following entities: CA Highway Patrol, Department of Forestry, EMSA, OES, Homeland Security, the State Fire Marshall and the Office of Traffic Safety.	OUA	Amendment: Removal of EMSA 4/4/08: Joint letter with CHEAC to author. 4/7/08: Jnt letter with CHEAC to A. Bus & Prof. 4/25/08: Jnt letter with CHEAC to A. Appr.

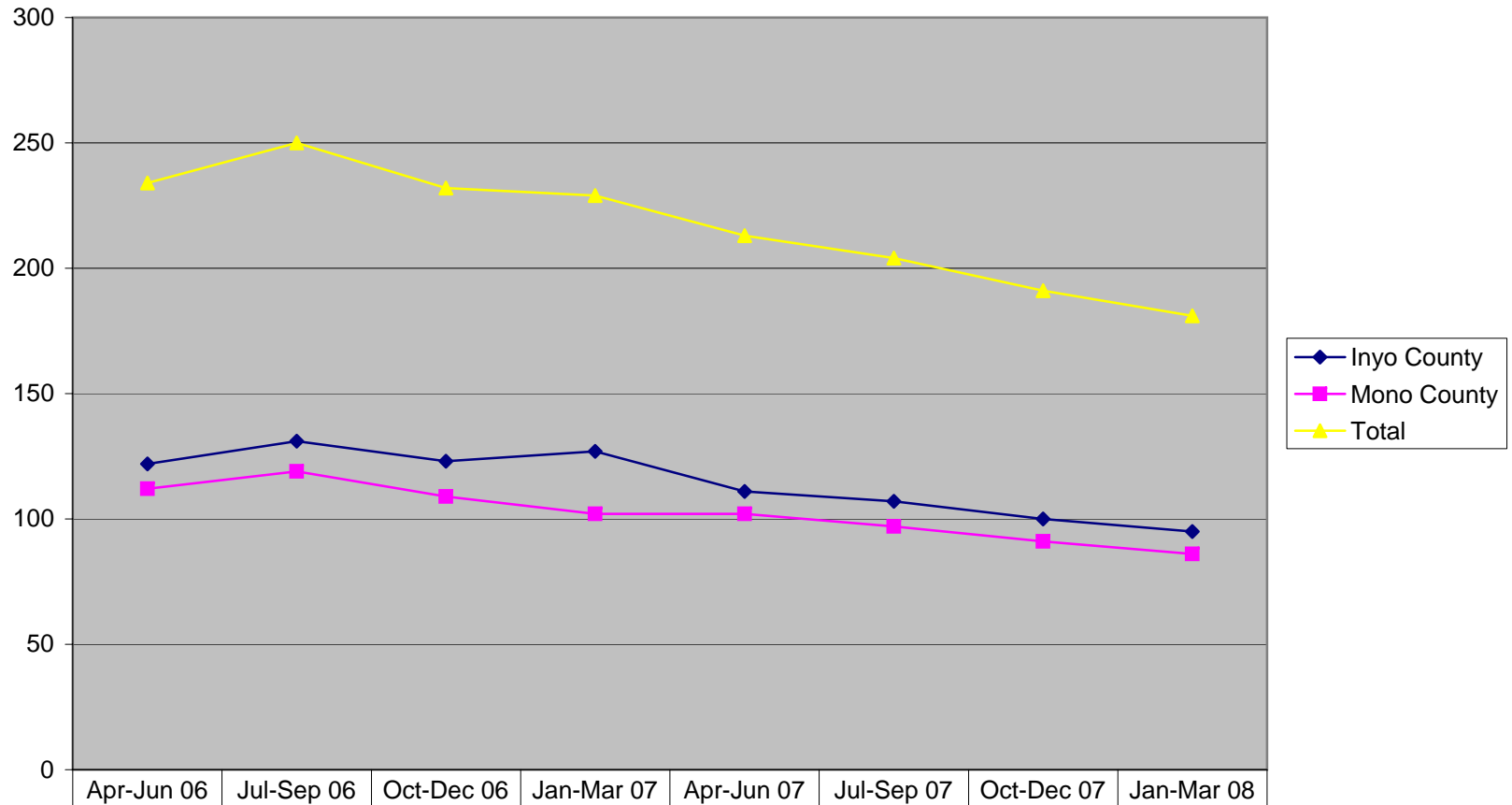
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AB 2697/Huffman A – Floor Amended 4/15/08	Requires boutique hospitals to contract with an independent contractor to study the impact of the boutique hospital on the health of the community care system. Requires reports to be filed with OSHPD.	S-3	
AB 2702/Nunez A – Appr	Adds standby emergency services in a Los Angeles facility to the list of eligible entities for Maddy Fund emergency services reimbursements.	O-3	
AB 2819/DeSaulnier A – Public Safety Set for hearing 4/29/08 Not heard Amended 4/23/08	Provides that no firefighter, EMT-I, EMT-II or EMT-P, shall be subject to criminal prosecution for any legal act performed in the course and scope of their employment. Immunity does not apply when employee is subject to criminal prosecution for acts or omissions performed outside of their professional capacity or with demonstrable general criminal intent.	WC	
AB 2917/Torrico A – Appr Suspense File Amended 4/2/08	Establishes integrated (employer/LEMSA) process for disciplining EMT's. Requires EMSA to develop regulations for disciplinary procedures. Other provisions.	Watch	
AB 2996/De La Torre A – Floor	Requires the Department of Public Health and local health departments to establish a process when conducting exercises on the outbreak of an infectious disease to identify any deficiencies in the preparedness plans and procedures and track implementation of corrective measures.	WC	
AB 3000/Wolk In Senate	Redefines a request to forgo resuscitative measures to a “request regarding resuscitative measures”. Also defines a <i>Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment</i> form.	S-1	
	SENATE BILLS		
SB 261/Romero A – Appr Suspense File Amended 8/20/07	Eliminates some of the qualifying criteria for the distribution of trauma funding. Requires EMSA to establish a statewide trauma registry and requires LEMSAs to provide data to the Authority by 7/1/09 based on criteria developed by EMSA. Authorizes EMSA to audit trauma care facilities and makes EMSA the lead agency responsible for the centralized state regional trauma system.	WC	8/10/07 Letter to Assembly Appropriations.
SB 981/Perata A – Health & Appr	Requires any non-contracting hospital-based physician who provides emergency services in a hospital to a health plan's enrollee to seek reimbursement for medically necessary emergency services provided to the health plan enrollee.	Watch	
NEW BILL SB 997/Ridley-Thomas A – Public Safety Amended 4/28/08	EMT certification and licensure bill.	O-1	Sponsor: CA Professional Firefighters

Bill Number/ Author/Location	Description	EMSAAC Position	Letters to Committee Comments
SB 1141/Margett In Assembly Amended 4/29/08	Declares that it's the policy of the state to promote an emergency readiness capability for public use aircraft though the law may not be construed as restricting or authorizing a restriction on the use of public aircraft for emergency services. Prevents state and local regulation of public aircraft.	WC	Sponsor: San Bernardino & LA County Sheriffs 3/24/08 Letter to Senate Health. 4/17/08 Letter with concerns to Senate Health.
SB 1236/Padilla A – Public Safety Amended 4/3/08	Extends until 1/1/14 existing law that allows a county board of supervisors to levy an additional penalty in the amount of \$2 for every \$10, upon fines, penalties and forfeitures collected for criminal offenses while also requiring counties, that have pediatric trauma units, to spend up to 15% of the funds collected pursuant to these provisions for pediatric trauma centers.	S-1	3/14/08 Letter to Senate Public Safety.
SB 1501/Alquist S - Rules	Spot bill on emergency preparedness.	Watch	
SB 1533/Ashburn S – Health	EMT licensure bill.	Watch	Sponsor: CAA
SB 1537/Kehoe S – Appr Suspense File Amended 3/28/08	Specifies that the southern CA fires are eligible for 100% of state share costs.	Watch	

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Strong Support	S - 2 Soft Support	S - 3 Discretionary Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	O - 3 Discretionary Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended
WC Watch with Concerns	W - SIB Watch - Special Interest Bill	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back

**EMT Certification
Inyo and Mono Counties
April 2006 - March 2008**



◆ Inyo County	122	131	123	127	111	107	100	95
■ Mono County	112	119	109	102	102	97	91	86
▲ Total	234	250	232	229	213	204	191	181

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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April 8, 2008

Supervisor Linda Arcularius, Chairperson
Inyo County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box N
Independence, CA 93526

Paul Postle, Chairperson
Inyo County Emergency Medical
Care Committee

Dear Chairpersons Arcularius and Postle:

This is in response to your letter regarding the need for an additional testing site in your region for the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) certification and licensure examinations. I understand and sympathize with the concerns you have for the time and cost for EMT applicants in your jurisdiction to travel to the Los Angeles area to take the examination. I will be discussing your request with the executives of NREMT.

As you may know, when placement of the testing sites was initially being discussed with the representatives of the NREMT and its testing vendor, Pearson VUE, a testing site in Bakersfield was being considered and discussions were being held with Bakersfield College. However, it is my understanding that Bakersfield College did not pursue becoming a test center.

As you may know, there are two types of testing centers – the Pearson Professional Centers, and Pearson VUE Authorized Test Centers. The Pearson Professional Centers are owned and operated by Pearson VUE and provide testing for other professions in addition to EMTs. Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center are entities that meet specific criteria established by Pearson VUE (see enclosed information). There are significant costs associated with operating a designated test site, therefore, the test site must have sufficient examination applicants in order for the test site to be able to continue to operate. We have found that while some agencies have offered to become an approved test site, they were unable to meet the criteria and/or realize sufficient numbers of examinees in order to make the test center fiscally viable.

APR 30 2008

Supervisor Linda Arcularius
Chairperson Paul Postle
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It would be helpful if you could identify an entity in your region that would be interested in becoming a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center and reviewing the criteria to see if they could meet it. In the meantime your request will be discussed with the staff of the NREMT, and we will advise you of their response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Smiley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being the most prominent.

Daniel R. Smiley
Interim Director

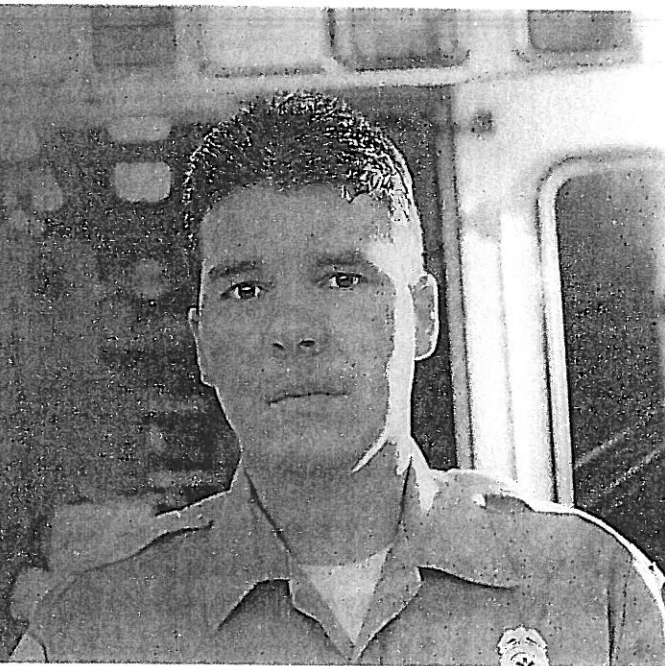
Enclosure

cc: Diane Fisher, ICEMA
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Senator Roy Ashburn
Assemblyman Bill Maze
RCRC
CSAC

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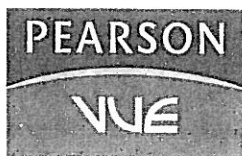
Test Center Network

Pearson VUE operates a network of company-owned professional testing centers throughout the United States and its territories. These centers are referred to as Pearson Professional Centers. We also operate the most expansive third-party authorized testing center network available. Authorized centers are typically located in businesses that provide technical training or in academic institutions. These centers are referred to as Pearson VUE™ Authorized Centers (PVTs). Regardless of whether company-owned or Pearson VUE-authorized, all testing centers are secure and located for optimum convenience.



NREMT has partnered with Pearson VUE to deliver its exams in all of the Pearson Professional Centers as well as select PVTs. After closely analyzing the EMS test taker population in each state, NREMT and Pearson VUE carefully selected PVTs in rural locations not currently serviced by a Pearson Professional Centers site. We are confident that we have a testing center solution that provides maximum coverage for the EMS testing population.

Pearson VUE and **NREMT** are committed to working with each state to make the transition to computer-based testing as smooth as possible. To that end, we are prepared to discuss authorizing additional test centers in areas where a sizeable number of candidates are not serviced by an existing center. Several Pearson VUE representatives will be participating in the upcoming NREMT regional meetings and will be available to discuss this in more detail. As a precursor, a high-level description of the requirements an organization must meet in order to become a Pearson VUE Authorized Center is listed on back.



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Overview

of PVTC Requirements

- Agree to standard contractual terms and conditions.
- Provide computers that meet minimum technical specifications.
- Provide a distraction-free, secure testing environment with continuous candidate surveillance.
- Provide an enclosed, professional environment that is clean, comfortable, smoke-free and conducive to testing.
- Provide adequate lighting, ventilation, comfortable seating and work surfaces. Room lighting should provide sufficient light for keyboard and erasable note board while avoiding screen glare.
- Place testing workstations on a clean surface that is approximately four feet (1.2 meters) wide, with no obstructions overhead or underneath. Monitor positions should be adjustable in order to allow each candidate to establish a comfortable testing position.
- Separate candidates within the testing room. Separate testing stations using walls or privacy partitions, or at least four feet (1.2 meters) of empty space on all sides.
- Disallow use of equipment such as printers, fax machines, copiers or telephones while testing is in progress.
- Provide a clear glass viewing window or wall, video surveillance system or seating for a test administrator within the testing room. Whichever surveillance method is used, it must allow an unobstructed view of each candidate within the testing room.



- Provide a separate area outside the testing room for checking in candidates, with a workspace for the testing administrator and seating for candidates who are waiting.
- Provide lockers or other suitable storage for personal belongings. The candidate cannot take items such as pagers, paper, books and briefcases into the testing room. Provide adequate parking and/or access to public transportation.
- Provide access to people with disabilities, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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